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## **Procedures for new Membership of Typhoon Committee**

*(Submitted by TCS)*

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### **ACTION REQUIRED:**

The Committee is invited:

- a) To take note of the Procedures for new Membership of Typhoon Committee
- b) To make decision on the procedures

### **APPENDIXES:**

- 1) DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION AT SESSION REPORT
- 2) Procedures for new Membership of Typhoon Committee

**APPENDIX A:**  
**DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE SESSION REPORT**

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11.1 The Committee took note of the Article 2 of the Statutes of the Committee “The Committee shall be composed of a representative from each of the participating Governments desiring to participate in co-operative efforts to minimize typhoon damage in the ECAFE region. The Executive Secretary of ECAFE and the Secretary-General of WMO or their representatives shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.”

11.2 The Committee further took note of the Procedures for new Membership of Typhoon Committee.

11.3 The Committee decided.....

*(Additional text to be added in the light of discussion on this item)*

## **APPENDIX B:**

### **Procedures for new Membership of Typhoon Committee**

#### **1. Introduction**

The Committee at its 50th Session requested AWG to identify procedures to document how to accept new Members in coordination with TCS, ESCAP, and WMO. AWG discussed the procedures respectively on 2 June 2018 in Ulsan, the Republic of Korea, and on 9 November 2018 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. TCS contacted with ESCAP to learn about procedures for previous Member joined the Committee. ESCAP provided the summary of the documents and text passages defining membership and approval procedure as follows:

- 1) Annual Report of the Typhoon Committee to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Fifty-Third Session (REF: E/ESCAP/1074 20 March 1997). "The Committee welcomed Singapore as its newest member effective on 20 February after its application for membership was unanimously approved by Members."
- 2) Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, Annual Report (18 April 1967 – 30 April 1968), Economic and Social Council Official Records: Forty-Fifth Session, Supplement No.2, United Nations, New York, 1968 (REF: E/4498 and E/CN.11/824), Paragraph 169: "The meeting agreed that all member countries of ECAFE affected by typhoons would be welcome to join the committee which should function under the auspices of ECAFE in co-operation with WMO. It should have a technical secretary and a secretariat unit to be expanded into a regional typhoon center when the need arose. The meeting recommended: (a) that the statute and rules of procedure of the typhoon committee be submitted to the twenty-fourth session of ECAFE and to the appropriate body of WMO for their consideration; (b) that ECAFE, in consultation with WMO, request countries affected by typhoons to indicate whether they intend to join the committee; and (c) that ECAFE and WMO jointly provide an initial staff to implement the programme of work recommended by the ECAFE/WMO Preparatory Mission on Typhoons."
- 3) Report of the Ad Hoc Meeting on the Statute of the Typhoon Committee, Canberra, 17-30 April 1968 (REF: E/CN.11/L.206 7 March 1968), Annex A: Statute of the typhoon committee, Article 2: "The Typhoon Committee shall be composed of a representative from each of the Governments of regional ECAFE member countries affected by typhoons desiring to participate in co-operative efforts to minimize typhoon damage in the ECAFE region. The Executive Secretary of ECAFE and the Secretary-General of WMO or their representatives shall be ex-officio members of the Committee."

While these procedures do not seem to be explicitly defined.

The Committee at its 51<sup>st</sup> Session Requested TCS and AWG to develop a final proposal to include the procedures for the new Membership for the approval at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session.

## **2. Procedures for new Membership of Typhoon Committee**

### **1) Background**

Based on the document from the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, Annual Report (18 April 1967 – 30 April 1968), Economic and Social Council Official Records: Forty-Fifth Session, Supplement No.2, United Nations, New York, 1968 (REF: E/4498 and E/CN.11/824), Paragraph 169: “The meeting agreed that all member countries of ECAFE affected by typhoons would be welcome to join the committee which should function under the auspices of ECAFE in co-operation with WMO. It should have a technical secretary and a secretariat unit to be expanded into a regional typhoon center when the need arose. The meeting recommended: (a) that the statute and rules of procedure of the typhoon committee be submitted to the twenty-fourth session of ECAFE and to the appropriate body of WMO for their consideration; (b) that ECAFE, in consultation with WMO, request countries affected by typhoons to indicate whether they intend to join the committee; and (c) that ECAFE and WMO jointly provide an initial staff to implement the programme of work recommended by the ECAFE/WMO Preparatory Mission on Typhoons.”

The Typhoon Committee has already a long history of more than fifty years and has been an example followed by countries of other regions affected by tropical cyclones. Due to this history over the years, the Typhoon Committee becoming more actively on promotion and coordination, planning and implementation of measures required for minimizing the loss of life and material damage caused by typhoons.

In view of requests from abroad Members that who would like to join this Committee, the Committee requested the AWG to develop this new Rules and Procedures for the New Membership.

### **2) Eligibility**

All Members including Member States and Associate Members of ESCAP affected by typhoons (herein after “Members of ESCAP”) would be welcome to join the committee.

### **3) Nominations and Deadlines**

Members of ESCAP for whom they are intending to join Typhoon Committee shall submit an official request on Membership to ESCAP.

At the proposal, intention of Members of ESCAP shall comply with the following:

- a) Be a representative of the participating Government desiring to participate in co-operative efforts to minimize typhoon damage in the ESCAP region.
- b) Expressed its willingness to voluntarily contribute on the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee Trust Fund.
- c) Understand and Comply with Rules and Procedures of the Committee.

The submission must send to ESCAP 6 months before the TC Session.

ESCAP will coordinate with WMO and present a written proposal for Membership to Typhoon Committee for approval, 3 months before the Session.

#### **4) Approving New Membership**

- a) After receipt of all nomination of the interesting Member(s) by ESCAP, the Typhoon Committee Secretariat will compile the nominees and submit as a work document to be discussed during the Session.
- b) During the Session, the Typhoon Committee will be responsible for approving the new Member of the Committee, where A simple majority of the government members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

#### **5) Entry in force**

The current rules enter in force after approval by the Typhoon Committee at its 52<sup>nd</sup> annual session.